

REMARKS

Applicants submit the present *Second Amendment After Final* in response to the *Advisory Action* mailed January 22, 2008. Applicants sincerely appreciate the indication that Claims 12, 18-21, 24, 30, 50-52, 55-58, 60 and 63-66 would be allowed if re-submitted in a *Second Amendment After Final*, and the indication that withdrawn Claims 53-54, 59, 61-62 and 67 would be reinstated.

Applicants have included each of the claim amendments proposed in Applicants' *Amendment After Final* (which was not entered) in the present *Second Amendment After Final*. In addition, Applicants have also (1) cancelled Claims 22 and 23 and (2) amended Claims 28-29 and 31 to depend from allowed Claim 24. In light of these claim cancellations and amendments, all of the pending claims are directed to subject matter that was indicated as allowable in the *Advisory Action*. As such, Applicants respectfully request that a *Notice of Allowance* be issued allowing each of the pending claims and withdrawn Claims 53-54, 59, 61-62 and 67.

Respectfully submitted,



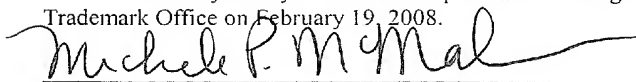
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